

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

Hey, Boomers!

What better way to chill out on a hot summers day than with four cool new stories...

Fortunately, the heat hasn't slowed down Sonic as he's joined by Chaotix in a new adventure, Heroes and Villians. Later, a certain hedgehog suffers a touch of anoraknophobia in the fashionable Sonic's World story, New Image. Talking of style, Tails gets a new pair of trainers in Sneaker Seeker (but he'd better tread carefully!). Also, Knuckles embarks upon a new adventure in the Village of the Damned as he continues to drag that old chest of documents back to the Floating Island.

As promised, the time has arrived to join the 'Q' for crucial info, hints, tips and cheats galore on each and every Sonic game, especially for those Boomers who requested help getting through those niggly levels and zones. The Q Zone kicks off with some serious studying on Sonic 1!

How would you like to be able to tune into Sega for 24 hours of the day (bet your parent-humes wouldn't be too impressed!). Well, STC has the low-down on the much awaited Sega Channel in our special news feature! Also, check out the Saturn Reviews - Panzer Dragoon 2 and Starfighter 3000.

See you in two weeks time for another refreshing read!



NAME THAT ARTIST!

Back in STC 72, Boomers were given the chance to win a page of original, totally unique Sonic artwork. The catch being, you had to identify the artist.

The winning Boomer who correctly hit the nail on the head by naming Mike Hadley, is ...

> Selena Thomas, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Congratulations to Selina who is a budding script writer!



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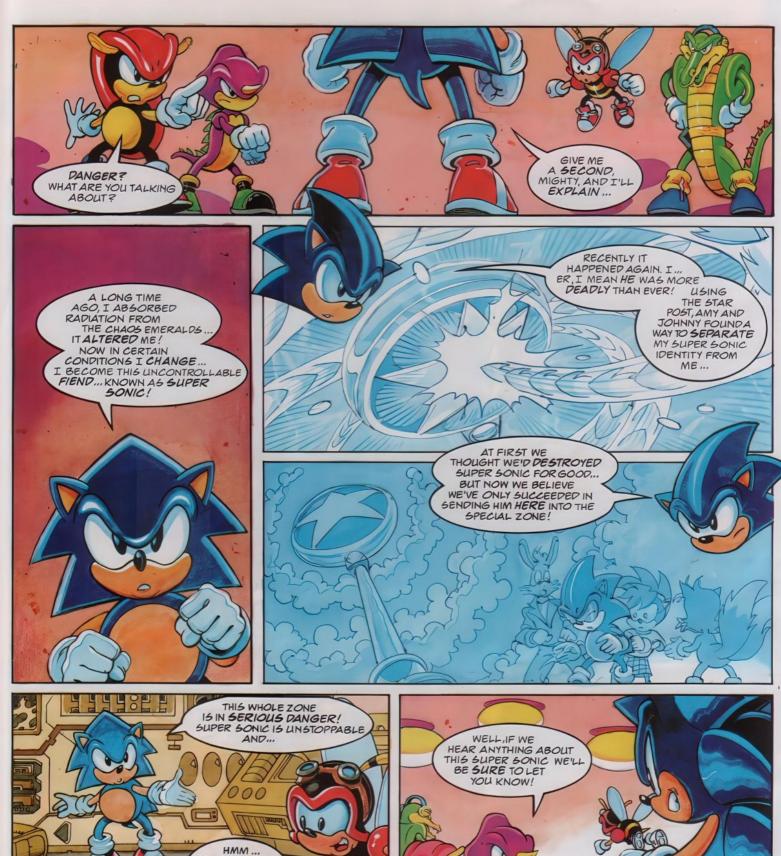
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YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALSVILLE 70-80 = FUN CITY 80-90 = BIG TIME CITY OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

PANZER DRAGOON

Reviewed by David Gibbon



GAME TYPE: 3D ACTION ADVENTURE PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW AGE SUITABILITY: 11+

Panzer Dragoon was one of the fastest, biggest and

best-selling games on the Saturn. It was a spectacular 3D adventure which saw the player flying around amazingly realistic worlds on the back of a laser-firing dragoon called Lagi.

In the sequel, Panzer
Dragoon 2, the developers have
included several additions which
make this game an absolute
must. For starters, there's the
ability to complete each level by

choosing different routes. The easier ones are worth less points, others are more difficult but with better rewards. You also get incredibly ferocious looking end of level bosses, tons of secrets and a new Dragon Evolution system. This sees your dragon start off as a small flightless hatchling, which evolves into a

magnificent skydart.
As you progress
through the game
and earn more
points, the dragon
automatically gets
bigger and the laser
becomes more
powerful.



Panzer Dragoon 2 is something special. Everything is superb, from the way you can roam around worlds with 360 degree vision to the beautiful animation, not to mention the haunting, atmospheric, soundtrack and the perfected gameplay. If you want to see just how powerful your Saturn

is, then this is the game to buy!



STARFIGHTER 3000

Reviewed by David Gibbon



GAME TYPE: 3D SPACE SHOOT 'EM-UP PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: TELSTAR ELECTRONIC STUDIOS PRICE: £39.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW AGE SUITABILITY: 11+



The year is 3037, the setting is a planet called Federation, which after suffering centuries of warfare, is understandably not a pretty place. The basic plot is that the surviving leaders known as FedNet, decide to restore harmony and sign up an elite team of pilots to work for the FedNet Space Corp. As controller, you are asked to join them and fly a Predator Mark IV, which consists of the most advanced technology available.

Starfighter 3000 takes place across four different planets, each one featuring 15 missions with a different and varied objective. You start off as a Cadet whose aim is to progress to being a Commander, with your rank moving up each time a planet has peace restored.

The first few missions introduce you to basic flight controls, which allow you to practice destroying ground and air targets and working with your fighter squadrons. You must collect parachute drops and crystal combinations to enchance your weapons, shields and control.

The game is a near perfect, shoot 'em-up; featuring a massive set of 60 non-linear independent missions, each designed to offer an increasingly strategic challenge, it takes you back to the days



when gameplay was considered the most important factor.

What StarFighter 3000 has more of than any other game of this type is pure addictive fun. It also has excellent 3D virtual reality-style graphics, as well as a rocking soundtrack. The game is similar to the Mega-CD mega-hit, Thunderhawk, but includes many more missions and options. This looks like becoming a big hit on the Saturn!























I'M LOOKING FOR A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT!





















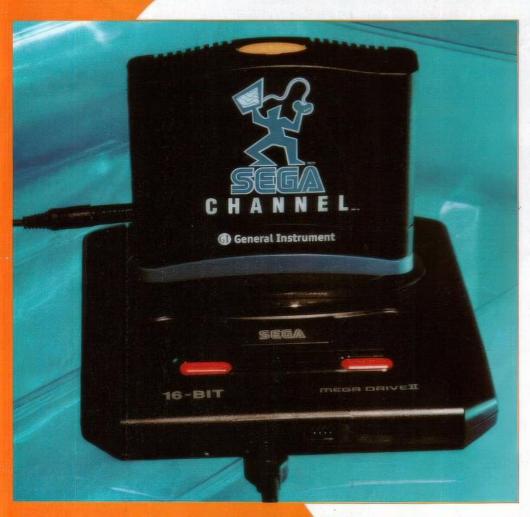








READY WILLING AND CABLE!







Back in STC 42, the first news snippets about the mega revolutionary interactive Sega

Channel in the US was revealed. Following a UK launch in June, cable TV customers in the South East of England have been able to access 24 hour a day Sega activity.

Subscribers to the **Sega Channel** are supplied with a special adaptor which connects their incoming cable TV line to their own Mega Drive console.

Prices vary between local cable operators (the cost is around £10 each month). Customers are able to play Sega games, get the low-down on Sega news and competitions, as well as having access to game tips and cheats.

An on-screen menu allows you to select a choice of game types; Arcade (e.g. Sonic & Knuckles, X-Men 2: The Clone Wars), Sports Arena (e.g. California Games, World Cup USA '94), The Speedway (Outrun, Super Hang On), Family Room (e.g. Ecco the Dolphin and Garfield), and the Strategy Room (e.g. Sonic Spinball, Story of Thor). Games for each of these categories are updated on a monthly basis to

keep channel tuners on their toes! An excellent option is the 'Test Drive' section which enables the sampling of new Sega games before they are released in the shops, which is obviously handy for helping you to decide which game to put on your list next.

If parent-humes are reading this, there's no need to worry about Boomers going squareeyed or skipping homework (as if!); a unique Parental Control security option allows you to select the most suitable games and

regulate the amount of time spent game playing. Once the Parental Control option is activated with a PIN number, children are unable to download any game outside the parent-selected game rating. Of course, this means that when the youth of today are tucked up in bed, all adult humes will be tempted to take over and experience Sega Channel fun at its best!



The Sega Channel is currently available via Telewest Communications in Essex and Kent.

Arrangements for the rest of the UK are currently at the negotiation stage. The Sega Channel will be available in the north east of England from

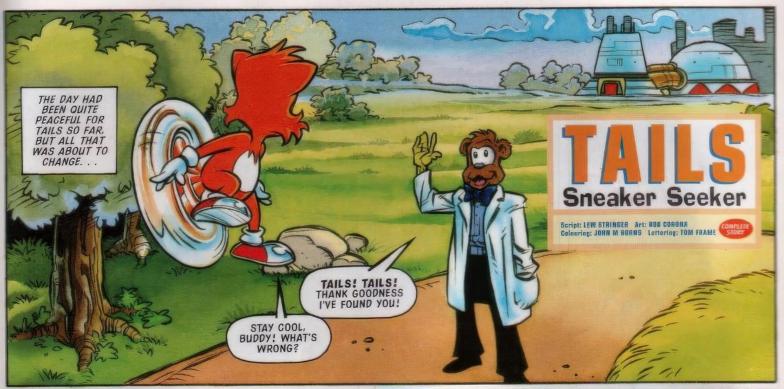
> 1 September, and the North West of England from 1 October.

For more information on the availability of the Sega Channel in your area, call the cable hotline on: - 0990 111 777

Don't forget to get permission from a parent or the person who pays the bill before telephoning.



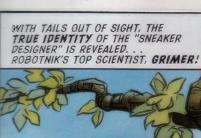












































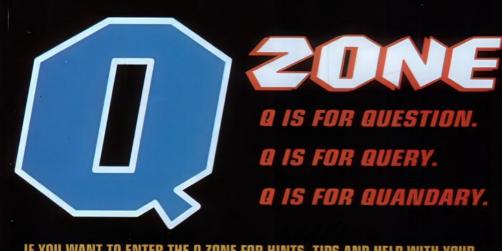












IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

Q ZONE, SONIC THE COMIC, 25-31 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON, WC1H 9SU.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 1 REVISITED!

STC's post-bags are spilling over with requests for cheats on classic Sonic games. Apologies to those of you who are already in the know, but for those Boomers who require help, the waiting is over thanks to David Gibbon and Chris Jones...

The following codes and cheats listed are guaranteed to be accurate. There's often a knack involved in getting them to work and Sega have assured STC that timing is important in that they need to be entered at a certain pace. They may not work straight off, but you'll get the hang of entering them in the right way.







LEVEL SELECT

On the title screen (when Sonic is waving his finger back and forth), move the control pad UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, then you will hear a chime. Hold down BUTTON A and press START to go to the level select screen.

DEBUG MODE

Again on the title screen, move the control pad UP + BUTTON C, DOWN + BUTTON C, LEFT + BUTTON C, RIGHT + BUTTON C. If done correctly, you'll hear the sound of Sonic picking up a ring. Hold down BUTTONS A + C and press START. Continue to hold A + C until the game starts. If this code has worked, the score on the top left of the screen will be garbled numbers. Once you have done it correctly, BUTTON A changes Sonic into different sprites, BUTTON C places sprites where you want them, and BUTTON B changes you back into Sonic.

CODES

Each ring worth over 25,000 rings	SCRAB9X0
High Jump	DDLTAAGL
Mega Jump	BDLTAAGL
Keep running shoes to end of a level	AEOTCABY
Some crabs go off their rockers	NCLTBYE6
Some crabs disappear altogether	NCLTB9E6

Defeat Doctor Robotnik in the Final Zone...

Start by running to the right-hand side of the screen and wait. As soon as the electric pulses fall to the ground, Robotnik will come up in his machine. Jump onto him and land again to your left and anticipate where the electric pulses will fall. Run when you see a gap and stay there until they have gone, then immediately jump right. Again, jump onto Robotnik and keep repeating this procedure to defeat him.



To locate the Chaos Emeralds...

JUNGLE ZONE - ACT 1

To reach it, go right until you come to a moving log across a waterfall. Jump onto the log, then fall down. When you've almost reached the bottom, go left onto a small green platform. Fall from this onto a rotating log in the river - keep the D-pad pressed left and you won't fall off! You'll eventually come to the emerald.





SCRAP BRAIN ZONE - ACT 2

Head down until you see a gap. Jump across, get into the teleporter, head left, drop off a slope and go right, stand on the button to close the door behind you, drop through the next room to the floor, walk right to a teleporter and when you reappear you'll see the emerald!

SKY BASE ZONE - ACT 2

Jump down onto a hoverboard and continue right

across more hoverboards until you reach a blue ship. Jump left onto the hoverboard and left again onto a platform to pick up the emerald.





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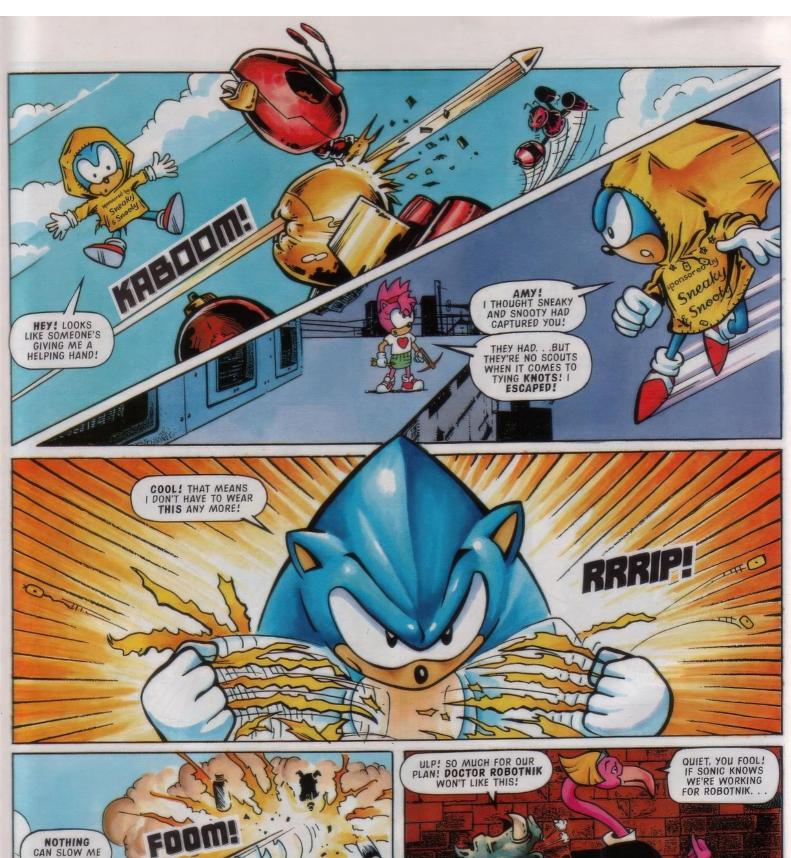






























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SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!





BATHGATE NO MORE!

Dear STC,

Whose delivery service is STC using? My guess is that it's a company called 'Slow Mo' as I have recently had to wait until Wednesdays or Thursdays for STC to appear in my area! Today I even tried four local shops - and still had no success! Please ask Sonic to help speed up the delivery service! Alan Stewart, Bathgate, W Lothian, Scotland. MD owner.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Well, Alan, STC's on sale date did change to Wednesdays, but maybe it would be best for you

to take out a subscription or alternatively ask your newsagent to put STC on "shop save", which means it's ordered and kept for you to collect.

MORE MEGADROID!

Dear Megadroid,

I think you are cool and should have your own regular comic strip - even my family agrees that it's unfair you should have to answer letters all the time!

Emma Spragg, Rochdale, Lancs. MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



I don't mind replying to intelligent and tasteful Boomers like yourself, Emma! By the way, did you

catch my comic strip in the last issue of STC?

The futuristic look!



Lynne Triplett, Edinburgh, Scotland. -GG/MCD/MD/32X owner. Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



HIGH FLIER!

Dear STC.

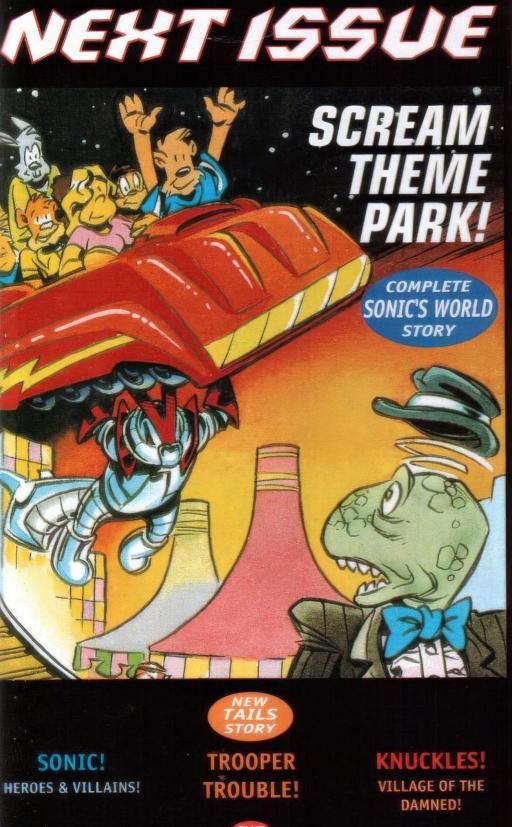
When I was on holiday with my parents (very unhip), we saw a 60 foot high Sonic on the motorway (I won't say it was cool as it was a hot air balloon!). Apart from the Sonic Summer Special, which was brill, that was the best part of my holiday! Also, when is the Sega Bus coming to Glasgow as we have lots of Sonic freaks up this way! Sonic is my favourite but my Dad likes Robotnik 'cos he is bad enough to be a parent! Gregor Hunter,



Glasgow, Scotland. Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

Unfortunately, Gregor, the Sega Bus is keeping a low profile this summer. See if your dad can take

you on the low road to London as Segaworld will be open from the August Bank Holiday.



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